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TOWN REPORT.

School Department.

Susie B. Gould, teaching grammar school	$354 00	
Carrie W. Carpenter, teaching intermediate school	354 00	
Nellie C. Howe, teaching primary school	440 00	
Moses Peabody, transporting school children	643 50	
Augustus Shepard, janitor	83 70	
H. K. Richardson, coal	90 80	
James Q. Gallagher, water for school	10 00	
		$1,976 00
Balance due the schools		685 83
		$2,661 83
Balance due the school last	$525 25	
Town appropriation	1,600 00	
State school fund	394 38	
Amount received from dog license	142 20	
		$2,661 83

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$800 00	
Unexpended appropriation of 1898	25 75	
		$825 75
Town of Danvers, tuition of 22 pupils one-half year at $15	$330 00	
Town of Danvers, tuition of 1 pupil one year at $30	30 00	
Town of Danvers, tuition of 24 pupils one-half year at $15	360 00	
	720 00	
Unexpended apppopriation of 1899	105 75	
		$825 75

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, incidentals	$9 75	
Augustus Shepard, repairs on and around schoolhouse	2 65	
J. E. Ropes, grates and fire pots	15 70	
Augustus Shepard, incidentals (school work)	2 45	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, incidentals	4 99	
H. K. Richardson, incidentals (school work)	17 90	
A. P. Bagley, " " "	2 58	
James Q. Gallagher, repairs on stove	1 15	
Overdrawn in 1898	18 37	
Unexpended appropriation of 1899	24 46	
		$100 00
Appropriation for 1899 $100 00		

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett & Co., school supplies	$9 17	
" " " " "	2 82	
" " " " "	42 25	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, " "	5 31	
Educational Publishing Co., school supplies	2 05	
J. E. Ropes, " "	2 10	
A. P. Bagley, cash and postage	1 00	
Whitten & Cass, supplies	16 30	
Thompson, Brown & Co., "	3 75	
" " " "	5 00	
Ginn & Co., "	19 30	
Lothrop Publishing Co., "	2 40	
H. K. Richardson, "	3 30	
Endecott Press, labels for school books	1 75	
Carrie W. Carpenter, cash paid for supplies	1 65	
Overdrawn in 1898	6 16	
Estimated amount of unsettled bills	40 00	
Unexpended appropriation for 1899	85 69	
		$250 00
Appropriation for 1899 $250 00		

Report of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Middleton.

City of Malden, board of Mary A. Mansfield	$120 00
Town of Peabody, " " Franklin F. Perkins	139 15
" " " " Mrs. Harriet Smith	136 25
Fred W. Giles, trip to Peabody on account of Mrs. Harriet Smith	1 50
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of Sarah Rennard	169 47
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of Francisco H. Benitez	51 07
John M. Peabody, funeral expenses Francisco H. Benitez	30 00
Herbert Esty, watching with Francisco H. Benitez	2 00
Oscar Cram, services in committing Francisco H. Benitez	3 50
Town of Watertown, supplies for John A. Parker	2 00
City of Haverhill, supplies for John King	1 40
John M. Peabody, funeral expenses for Ira Goodwin	20 00
H. G. Vinal, medical attendance Mrs. Joseph Colby	7 00
J. F. Kirby, 1 pr. shoes family of Mrs. Chandler (bill of 1897)	1 50
M. J. Emerson, rent of house for Charles Wilkins	36 00
A. A. Wilkins, groceries for Chas. Wilkins	2 90
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, groceries for Chas. Wilkins	72 89
H. N. White, groceries for Chas. Wilkins	27 60
M. J. Emerson, cord of wood Chas. Wilkins	4 00
Samuel M. Moore, medicine " "	1 10
Oscar Cram, commitment expenses Merriam Russell and Thomas Melay	7 25
F. H. Benitez, locking 224 tramps	11 20
" " care of sick tramps	2 50
Fred W. Giles, locking 282 tramps	14 10
A. A. Wilkins, supplies	20 29
H. A. Wilkins, "	13 90
Fred W. Giles, services as overseer, journeys out of town, stationery and postage	37 50
H. Erskine Howe, services as overseer, journeys out of town, stationery and postage	25 00

A. W. Peabody, services as overseer, journeys out of town, stationery and postage	$21 00	$981 17
Town of Middleton, cord of wood Chas. Wilkins	5 50	
Town of Middleton, cord of wood Mrs. Giddings	5 50	
Bills outstanding	175 00	
		$1,167 17
Outstanding bills of last year	$60 00	
Due from Francisco H. Benitez	86 57	
" " Otis Rennard	169 47	
" " Gloucester on acc't of Mrs. Colbey	7 00	
		$323 04
Net cost of supporting poor		$844 13

A. W. PEABODY,
H. E. HOWE, } *Overseers.*
FRED W. GILES,

Wood and Tramp Department.

Dr.

F. H. Benitez, working tramps	$6 00	
Fred W. Giles, filing saw and working tramps	8 70	
" " working tramps	2 00	
" " surveying wood and working tramps	6 75	
George Margerson, cutting wood	9 91	
Charles Cross, teaming wood	8 25	
" " " "	12 75	
D. W. Cass, cutting wood	14 62	
Frank Benitez, locking up 224 tramps	11 20	
" " care of sick tramps	2 50	
Fred W. Giles, locking up 282 tramps	14 10	
A. A. Wilkins, supplies for tramps	20 29	
H. A. Wilkins, " " "	13 90	
Value of wood on hand of 1899	20 00	
" " " " stump	22 00	
		$172 97

Cr.

Town, for the poor	$11 00	
Sold for bush	12 50	
Value of estimated wood on hand	40 00	
Cost of supporting tramps	109 47	
		$172 97

Highway Department.

John Putney, gravel	$7 25
M. E. Tyler, cart	1 05
William Wilkins	9 00
Hosea Richardson	10 50
John Morgan	34 50
Jesse L. Peabody	42 00
Mrs. Johnson, gravel	6 30
John Q. Averill, team	24 00
William Margeson	3 00
Ames Plough Co.	7 76
James Leavitt	3 00
Winfield McGlauflin	8 10
Harley M. Tyler, team	39 75
William Berry, gravel	60
Daniel Woodman, gravel	4 50
Levi Curtis	2 79
Allen Atwood	1 50
George E. Soper, team	27 00
Alvin Wilkins	5 63
William Wiley	6 00
Samuel Peabody	1 50
William Gould, gravel	4 00
John Jesper	2 25
A. W. Peabody, covering stone	1 00
Mrs. Beverly, storing road machine	3 00
James Gallagher, blacksmith bill	14 45
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	6 67
John Fuller, cart	1 40
Allen D. Bryer	143 93
A. M. Richardson	22 50
L. G. Estey	66 70
John Q. Averill	59 00
M. E. Tyler	22 50
Charles Brown	9 00
Thomas Carlin	5 77
H. K. Richardson	59 25
William Richardson, Jr.	17 25
Frank Curtis	42 73
John Milberry	25 50
William Richardson	38 66
John L. Peabody	24 75
Chester Campbell	17 00
Ira Kitchin	1 83

Frank Witham	$ 33	
Charles Wilkins	7 50	
Jesse Daniels	29 25	
John P. Fuller	45 00	
Otis Reynard, cart	7 38	
George A. Currier, cart	2 10	
L. G. Esty, gravel	29 85	
Fred Flint	10 29	
Forrest Peabody	1 50	
George E. Currier, gravel	1 40	
Chas Bagley	13 00	
M. P. Paige, pipe and freight	12 70	
Amount expended 1899	$995 17	
Overdrawn in 1898	25 10	
		$1,020 27
Appropriation for 1899	$1,000 00	
Amount overdrawn	20 27	
		$1,020 27

BRIDGES.

Appropriation for 1899	$100 00	
Unexpended for 1898	9 35	
		$109 35
Pope Bros., lumber	$7 01	
L. G. Esty, labor	3 50	
L. G. Esty and others, labor	11 00	
John Q. Averille, labor	1 50	
		$93 01
Unexpended 1899		$16 34

SIDEWALKS.

John Averill	$15 00
Loren G. Esty	9 00
Chester Campbell	6 00
Jesse Daniels	4 50
Hosea Richardson	4 50
Thomas Carlin	3 00
A. M. Richardson	3 00

Ira Kitchin	$1 50	
John Putney, gravel	1 40	
Loren G. Esty, "	1 90	
		$49 80
Unexpended		20
		$50 00
Appropriation	$50 00	

HASWELL PARK.

Allen D. Bryer	$6 00	
Loren G. Esty	6 00	
H. K. Richareson	6 50	
Jesse Daniels	75	
John W. Milberry	4 50	
John P. Fuller	11 25	
		$35 00
Appropriation	$35 00	

SNOW BILLS.

George E. Currier, breaking sidewalks		$18 00	
Harley Tyler,	"	1 35	
Frank Curtis,	"	4 20	
Maurice Margerson,	"	1 80	
George Wilett,	"	70	
Loren G. Esty,	"	4 00	
William Berry,	"	1 30	
Walter Gould,	"	4 80	
John Fuller,	"	14 40	
Sylvanus Flint,	" sidewalks	1 20	
Allen D. Bryer,	"	2 60	
William Martin,	"	1 10	
Fred S. Flint,	"	1 10	
George Margerson,	"	1 30	
Charles Brown,	"	1 10	
John Morgan,	"	2 90	
Wesley Milbury,	"	1 10	
H. K. Richardson,	"	8 50	
M. E. Tyler,	" sidewalks	9 20	
Bert Daniels,	"	80	
John Averill,	"	2 00	
George Gould,	"	2 10	
George Soper, team	"	8 50	
			$94 05

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS.

John M. Peabody, collecting taxes	$35 00	
Farnham Stiles, sealer of weights and measures	5 00	
Loren G. Estey, road commissioner	10 00	
Allen D. Bryer, " "	10 00	
John Q. Averill, " "	10 00	
A. W. Peabody, inspector of cattle and meat	30 00	
John M. Peabody, superintendent of burials	10 00	
B. P. Richardson, selectman and assessor	106 50	
Asa Howe, " " "	97 00	
M. J. Emerson, " " "	97 00	
" " registrar	10 00	
Asa Howe, "	10 00	
B. P. Richardson, "	10 00	
E. E. Currier, auditor in 1899	5 00	
B. P. Richardson, auditing accounts in 1899 and express	10 50	
Asa Howe, " " " "	10 00	
M. J. Emerson, " " " "	10 00	
S. A. Fletcher, extra services as treasurer	5 00	
John M. Peabody, collecting taxes	45 00	
A. W. Peabody, inspection of animals and provision for 1898	10 00	
James H. Curtis, moderator	5 00	
A. A. Wilkins, counter at annual town meeting	2 50	
Harley M. Tyler, " " " "	2 50	
Fred W. Giles, election officer	2 00	
B. T. McGlauflin, " "	2 00	
S. G. Campbell, " "	2 00	
Oscar Cram, " "	2 00	
Ansel P. Tyler, " "	2 00	
A. A. Wilkins, " "	2 00	
H. K. Richardson, school committee	35 00	
A. P. Bagley, " "	35 00	
H. E. Howe, " "	35 00	
S. A. Fletcher, treasurer	40 00	
" " town clerk	10 00	
" " registrar	10 00	
Oscar Cram, constable	39 00	
		$762 00

STATE AID.

Albert R. Bowley	$48 00	
Hugh Cook	48 00	
Catherine Danforth	48 00	
Patrick Donovan	51 00	
Mary E. Manning	48 00	
Angeline Newhall	48 00	
Henry Peabody	48 00	
Ansel Nickerson	66 00	
Lydia M. Peabody	48 00	
Isaiah B. Peabody	24 00	
Susan Stuart	48 00	
Anna J. Shelden	48 00	
Scott Wilkins	24 00	
Benjamin W. Peabody	36 00	
Lyman E. Peabody	36 00	
Henry F. White	4 00	
		$673 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Frank Russell	$149 00	
Loren Goodwin	16 00	
Henry Peabody, $1 March 1898, $4 Dec. 30	5 00	
Mrs. Ansel Nickerson	33 00	
Henry Cook, coal	6 50	
City of Beverly for Mrs. Serena Terrio	39 14	
		$248 64

MILITARY AID.

B. F. Gould	$72 00	
Clarence Crane	32 00	
Danvers Insane Hospital from Dec. 15, 1898 to March 15, 1899, Loren Goodwin	42 25	
Loren Goodwin	8 00	
		$154 25

TOWN HALL.

Dr.

H. A. Wilkins & Son, oil	$ 36
Lore and Russell, coal	6 50
Danvers Water Board, water	3 00
" " " "	3 00

Lore & Russell, coal	$6 50	
" " "	13 00	
A. A. Wilkins, supplies for Town hall	7 28	
" " " " " "	4 24	
" " coal for Town hall	13 00	
" " " " " "	6 50	
Harry N. White, supplies for Town hall	3 50	
" " " "	3 64	
Henry Young, "	5 35	
" " services as janitor	94 05	
		$169 92

Cr.

Received from I. O. R. M.	$38 50	
" " First Congregational Society	11 55	
" " entertainments and dances	46 55	
Balance against the town	73 32	
		$169 92

MEMORIAL DAY.

Unexpended appropriation of 1898	$19 10	
Appropriation	110 00	
		$129 10
Oscar Cram, cash paid as Memorial Com.	92 57	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	2 46	
		95 03
Unexpended appropriation		34 07

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Pettingell & Barry for damage on horse and use of team going to fire	$11 00	
L. G. Esty, chief of fire department	60 00	
Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co. for repairs and hose mender	8 50	
Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co. for alpaka hose for fire department	98 00	
Danvers Water Board for clearing out hydrant and hydrant cup	1 50	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	1 10	
		$180 10
Balance unexpended		29 90
		$210 00
Appropriation	$210 00	
Ludlow Valve Manufacturing Co., hydrants	36 25	

L. G. Esty, car fare and journey to Boston	$3 12	
" " freight on hydrants	1 19	
Danvers Water Board, relocating and setting hydrants	130 45	
		$171 01
Appropriation	$50 00	
Overdrawn	121 01	
		$171 01

ABATEMENTS.

John F. Higgins, abatement on tax 1897	$10 86	
" " " " 1898	8 07	
Danvers Savings Bank, abatements on tax 1898	3 62	
Daniel Donovan, " " 1898	73	
Heirs of John A. Putnam, " " 1899	62	
Henry Peabody, abatement on poll tax for 1898 and 1899	4 00	
Frank H. Benitez, abatement on poll tax for 1898 and 1899	4 00	
		$31 90

CEMETERY.

Danvers Water Board, water	$6 00	
John M. Peabody, labor in cemetery	21 00	
Thomas Carlin, care of Sophronia Fuller lot	6 00	
John M. Peabody, care of Gifford's lot	3 00	
" " " Amelia Thomas' lot	3 00	
" " " Abram McIntire "	3 00	
" " " Annie " "	3 00	
" " " Larkin Eaton "	3 00	
" " " Persis Russell "	5 00	
" " labor in cemetery	15 00	
" " " "	7 50	
" " " "	12 75	
" " " "	15 00	
" " " "	22 50	
" " bronze pedestals	13 55	
" " letting on and off water	1 00	
" " cash paid for painting cemetery gates	1 50	
		$141 80
Appropriation		125 00
Overdrawn		$16 80

CUTTING BUSHES IN CEMETERY.

Appropriation	$50 00
B. P. Richardson. labor and cash paid	50 00

FOREST FIRES.

L. G. Esty, services and cash paid for fire on H. Park	$16 41

MISCELLANEOUS.

Edmond Dernier, building snow scraper	$5 84
Town of Danvers, use of whistle for school and fire	17 83
M. R. Warren & Co., tax book and blanks	1 63
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for street lamp	3 86
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, stationery for town	1 52
John M. Peabody, discount on tax for 1898	217 23
Frost & Wood, printing valuation book	39 00
Frank E. Moynahan, printing reports, voting list and jurors	39 10
H. G. Vinal, returning three births	75
F. W. R. Emery, repairs on old book	20 00
S. E. McGlauflin, pay for iron kettle lost by road commissioner Hutchinson	5 77
A. W. Brownell, book, cards and notices	6 00
H. G. Vinal, returning three births	75
Charles J. Brown, shingling Town hall	2 00
F. E. Moynahan, printing engineer reports	3 50
Andrew Nichols, surveying highway	15 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for street lamps	4 04
" " " paper for town	45
Samuel M. Moore, disinfectants	2 35
Mercury Publishing Co., printing notices	2 00
A. P. Bagley, taking school census	4 00
Theodore Metcalf, disinfectants	3 60
S. A. Fletcher, cash for postage	2 10
" " express and postage	3 10
" " administering oaths	4 25
" " recording, indexing and returning births	14 50
S. A. Fletcher, journey to Andover to compare note	1 33

H. G. Vinal, returning seven births	$1 75	
S. A. Fletcher, journey and car fare to Boston in case of Thomas Davis	2 12	
William B. Reed, office fees due him in case No. 1593, D. C.	4 64	
Oscar Cram, expense in Loren Goodwin case	3 00	
" " " " Patrick Donovan case	3 50	
" " team on account of dog warrant	3 00	
" " services as police officer July 3 and 4	3 00	
Oscar Cram, for telephone	40	
William B. Reed, arrest and commitment of W. F. Gleason	9 56	
Charles J. Brown, special police for the 3d and 4th of July	5 00	
Loren G. Estey, special police for the 3d and 4th of July	5 00	
Fred W. Giles, special police for the 3d and 4th of July	5 00	
Lyman Darling, over pay on cemetery lot 1897	2 00	
John M. Peabody, care of street lamps	12 00	
" " returning six deaths	1 50	
" " discount on taxes	266 40	
B. P. Richardson, use of horse, car fare and postage	3 00	
M. J. Emerson, journey out of town and use of horse	6 90	
Asa Howe, journey to Lynn and car fare	2 50	
		$761 77

REPAIRS ON TRAMP HOUSE.

Charles J. Brown, labor on tramp house	$11 63	
William N. Brown, teaming shingles for tramp house	1 25	
Pope Bros., lumber	21 95	
Leland Ross, nails	1 00	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails	32	
		$36 15
Appropriation		30 00
Overdrawn		6 15

SUMMARY.

Schools	$1,976 00
Incidental school expenses	57 17
School books and supplies	118 15

High school pupils	$720 00	
Poor department	981 17	
Wood and tramp department	68 98	
Highway	995 17	
Bridges	93 01	
Sidewalks	49 80	
Removing snow	94 05	
Town officers	762 00	
State aid	673 00	
Military aid	154 25	
Soldiers' relief	248 64	
Town hall	169 92	
Cemetery	141 80	
Memorial day	95 03	
Fire department	180 10	
Forest fires	16 41	
Abatements	31 90	
Miscellaneous	761 77	
Cemetery, cutting bushes	50 00	
Hydrants	171 01	
Haswell park	35 00	
Repairs on tramp house	36 15	
		$8,680 48

FLINT BOOK FUND.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Fund.

Amount of Charles L. Flint Fund		$5,000
Notes against Town of Middleton	$2,600	
Deposited in Savings Banks,	2,400	
		$5,000

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

To balance unexpended Feb. 1899	$729 58	
" interest credited on bank account	96 63	
" " received from town on notes	184 58	
		$1,010 79

CR.

By amount expended for new books	$90 09	
" " " " periodicals	36 40	
" " paid Boston Book Bindery, rebinding books	18 78	
" " paid F. J. Barnard, rebinding books	11 97	
" " unexpended balance of income	853 55	
		$1,010 79

Town treasurer in account with Flint Library Building Fund.

Dr.

To balance on bank account Feb. 1899	$40 08	
" interest " " " " 1900	$1 40	
" cash received of J. A. Atwood, grass on library lot	3 00	
		$44 48

Town treasurer in account with B. F. Emerson fund, A P. Tyler, treasurer.

Dr.

To balance on hand Feb. 1899	$19 29	
" cash received of A. P. Tyler	377 75	
		$397 04

Cr.

By amount paid for library supplies	$284 91	
" " on hand Feb. 1900	112 13	
		$397 04

Samuel A. Fletcher, treasurer, in account with Sophronia Fuller Fund for care of cemetery lot No. 236.

Dr.

To balance on hand as per last year's account	$210 68	
To interest credited on bank account	8 48	
		$219 16

Cr.

By cash paid J. M. Peabody for work on lot	$6 00	
" balance on bank account	213 16	
		$219 16

Treasurer in account with P. B. Russell fund for care of lot No. 430.

Dr.

To balance on hand as per last year's account	$207 62	
" interest credited on bank account	8 28	
		$215 90

Cr.

By cash paid J. M. Peabody for work on lot No. 98	$4 00	
By cash paid J. M. Peabody for work on lot No. 99	5 00	
" balance on bank account	206 90	
		$215 90

Treasurer in account with fund for care of Wm. Gifford lot No. 180.

Dr.

To cash received last year	$100 00	
" interest on bank account	5 08	
		$105 08

Cr.

By cash paid J. M. Peabody, work on lot	$3 00	
" balance on bank account	102 08	
		$105 08

Treasurer in account with fund for care of lot of Annie M. McIntire, No. 338.

Dr.

To cash received last year	$100 00	
" interest on bank account	5 08	
		$105 08

Cr.

By cash paid J. M. Peabody, work on lot	$3 00	
" balance on bank account	102 08	
		$105 08

Treasurer in account with fund for care of lot of H. Amelia Thomas, No. 64.

Dr.

To cash received last year	$75 00	
" interest on bank account	3 79	
		$78 79

Cr.

By cash paid J. M. Peabody, work on lot	$3 00	
" balance on bank account	75 79	
		$78 79

Treasurer in account with fund for care of Abram McIntire lot, No. 132.

Dr.

To cash received last year	$75 00	
" interest on bank account	3 79	
		$78 79

Cr.

By cash paid J. M. Peabody, work on lot	$3 00	
" balance on bank account	75 79	
		$78 79

Treasurer in account with fund for care of lot of Irvin L. Eaton, lot No. 168.

Dr.

To cash received last year	$75 00	
" interest on bank account	3 79	
		$78 79

Cr.

By cash paid J. M. Peabody, work on lot	$3.00	
" balance on bank account	75 79	
		$78 79

Samuel A. Fletcher, tax collector, in account with the town of Middleton.

DR.		
Balance of tax list of 1890, as per last year's report		$24 66
DR.		
Balance of tax list of 1891, as per last year's report	$34 92	
Interest collected of 1891	4 35	
		$39 27
CR.		
Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1891	$9 77	
Amount uncollected on tax of 1891	29 50	
		$39 27

JESSE W. PEABODY, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.		
Balance of the tax list of 1893 as per last year's report	$36 29	
Interest collected	4 62	
		$40 91
CR.		
Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1893	$23 32	
Uncollected on list of 1893	17 59	
		$40 91
DR.		
Balance of the tax list of 1894 as per last year's report	$166 00	
Interest collected	12 00	
		$178 00
CR.		
Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1894	$109 60	
Uncollected on list of 1894	68 40	
		$178 00
DR.		
Balance of the tax list of 1896 as per last year's report	$959 01	
Interest collected	63 71	
		$1,022 72
CR.		
Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1896	$589 22	
Uncollected on list of 1896	433 50	
		$1,022 72
DR.		
Balance of the tax list of 1897 as per last year's report	$2,464 85	
Interest collected	59 03	
		$2,523 88

Cr.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1897	$938 85	
Uncollected on list of 1897	1,585 03	
		$2,523 88

Frank L. Estey in account with Town of Middleton.

Dr.

To balance of tax list of 1895 as per last year's report	$438 81	
Interest collected	34 26	
		$473 07

Cr.

By amount paid treasurer	$107 40	
Uncollected	365 67	
		$473 07

John M. Peabody in account with the Town of Middleton.

Dr.

Uncollected tax list 1898	$2,579 19	
Interest collected	48 14	
		$2,627 33

Cr.

Amount paid treasurer	$1,533 20	
Uncollected on tax list of 1898	1,094 13	
		$2,627 53

Dr.

Tax list 1899	$9,019 03	
Interest collected	41	
		$9,019 44

Cr.

Amount paid treasurer	$5,872 83	
Uncollected on tax list of 1899	$3,146 61	
		$9,019 44

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton for the year ending Feb. 1900.

DR.

To balance in treasury Feb. 28, 1899	$136 57	
To cash from State Treasurer on note	2,500 00	
" " Leon G. Hayward, license for 1898, 1899	6 00	
" " heirs of Ira Goodwin cemetery lot	8 00	
" " State Treasurer, support of state poor	89	
" " George F. Haskell cemetery lot	18 00	
" " E. W. Skinner and Waldo Wilkins cemetery lot	18 00	
" " ink sold	15	
" " Danvers Savings Bank on note	1,000 00	
" " First District Court	30 00	
" " Sereno Terrio cemetery lot	3 00	
" " State Treasurer, Corporation Tax	4 78	
" " State Treasurer, National Bank Tax	28 76	
" " State Treasurer, Military Aid	97 72	
" " " " State Aid	649 00	
" " Bank for care of cemetery lots	30 00	
" " State Treasurer, income of State School fund	394 38	
" " County Treasurer, dog tax refunded	142 20	
" " Henry Young, rent of Town hall	96 60	
" " estate of John R. Wellman, care of cemetery lot	200 00	
" " Pettingell & Barry, 155 loads of sand	23 25	
" " Tramp department, wood sold	12 50	
" " Fred Giles, sale of goods of estate of F. Benitez	21 64	
" " Samuel A. Fletcher, taxes	9 77	
" " Jesse W. Peabody, "	1,660 99	
" " Frank L. Esty, "	107 40	
" " John M. Peabody, "	7,406 03	
		$14,605 63

CR.

By cash paid on note at Asiatic National Bank	$500 00	
" " interest on above note	70 00	

To cash paid	Jesse W. Peabody, interest	$1 00	
" "	interest on note of $2,000	80 00	
" "	State Treasurer, note for $2,500	2,500 00	
" "	" " interest on above note	58 33	
" "	State Treasurer, State tax	300 00	
" "	County Treasurer, County tax	415 96	
" "	B. F. Emerson Fund, interest on note	40 00	
" "	Danvers Savings Bank, interest on note	40 00	
" "	deposited in Danvers Savings Bank, Wellman fund	200 00	
" "	Flint Book Fund, interest	184 58	
" "	" " " on principal	600 00	
" "	selectmen's and overseers' orders	8,007 48	
" "	State Aid orders	673 00	
	Balance on hand	935 28	
			$14,605 63

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

Middleton, February 28, 1900.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real estate	$496,612 00	
Personal estate	53,721 00	
		$550,333 00
Number of polls, 241+6		
Rate of taxation, $15.50 per $1,000		
Tax on polls	$482 00	
Tax on real estate	7,698 82	
Tax on personal estate	832 86	
		$9,013 68
Additional tax on polls	$12 00	
Amount assessed for current expenses	2,000 00	
" voted " schools	1,600 00	
" " " supplies	250 00	
Incidental school expenses	100 00	
Amount voted for highways	1,000 00	
" " " bridges	100 00	
" " " sidewalks	50 00	
" " " supplies for fire department	150 00	
" " " cemetery	125 00	
" " " cutting bushes	50 00	

Amount voted for	Memorial day	$110 00	
" " "	liquor law	50 00	
" " "	repairs on tramp house	30 00	
" " "	" at Haswell Park	35 00	
" "	to pay moderator	500 00	
" " "	compensation of firemen	60 00	
" " "	library lot	600 00	
" " "	High school	800 00	
" " "	support of poor	1,000 00	
County tax		415 96	
State tax		300 00	
Overlay		182 72	
			$9,013 68

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Library building and land	$11,000 00	
Flint Public Library	3,600 00	
Town Hall	4,000 00	
Schoolhouses	5,000 00	
Lockup	400 00	
Cemetery	1,300 00	
Hearse and Hearse House	600 00	
Fire apparatus and Hose House	800 00	
Gravel pit	25 00	
Road machine	200 00	
School books in use	300 00	
B. F. Emerson fund	10,746 89	
C. L. Flint Book fund	5,000 00	
		$42,971 89

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees of Flint Public Library herewith submit their annual report for the year ending February 1900.

We are happy to note the continued and evidently appreciative use of the books in the Library for home reading as well as for reference in the reading room.

The decrease in the number of books in circulation is owing to the close of the Library for a few weeks in September for necessary work of repair.

The Trustees have been enabled by the use of the B. F. Emerson funds placed at their disposal to make great improvement in the conveniences and appearance of the rooms of the building.

We are under great obligations to Mrs. Joseph N. Smith of Lynn for the beautiful memorial window which was placed in the trustee's room in August, in memory of her father, Mr. Jesse Fuller, who was born in this town March 18, 1803 and died in N. Y., August 18, 1872.

The window was designed by Donald McDonald of Boston, who also designed the memorial window in the reading room, and is a fine representation of a poem by Leigh Hunt, Abou Ben Adhem and the angel with the book of gold. In one corner panel is inscribed "In memory of one who loved his fellow men." It is a beautiful tribute and will serve to perpetuate the name of one who was highly respected.

We are also indebted to Mrs. Smith for the rich art square which has been placed on the floor of the trustee's room, which adds much to the appearance of the room. Mrs. Smith has also presented curtains for the windows of the reading room and trustee's room.

The floors throughout the Library building have been greatly improved by a thorough cleansing, filling and varnishing, and all the standing woodwork has been varnished. This work was well done by Maurice E. Tyler.

Linoleum carpeting has been laid on the floors where most used in the reading room, librarian's room and book stackroom.

A storm door has been placed at the front entrance of the Library building and affords protection from storms and cold.

The following publications are to be found in the reading room: Weeklies—Youth's Companion, Life, Harper's, Scientific American, Woman's Journal and Good Roads. The last two have been furnished gratuitously by the publishers. Monthlies: Atlantic, Antiquarian, Century, New England Magazine, McClure's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, St. Nicholas, Scribner's Magazine, Review of Reviews The Traveller's Record is sent gratuitously.

ANSEL P. TYLER,
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
H. HERBERT WILKINS,
GALEN B. HOWE,
RALPH G. PEABODY,
A. G. HUNTOON,
Trustees Of Flint Public Library.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1900.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in the Library Feb. 1, 1899	4,983
New books purchased in 1899	70
Books presented by State Secretary Mass.	11
" " Towle Manufacturing Co , Newburyport	1
" " U. S. Government	8
" " Mass. Total Abstinence Society	2
" " W. C. T. U., Cambridge, Mass.	1
" " Charles F. Palmer	1
Books in the Library, Feb. 1, 1900	5,077

PAMPHLETS.

Received from Lowell Textile School	1
" " Central Library, Syracuse, N. Y.	1
" " Secretary of Commonwealth	2
" " Free Library, Newton	1
" " Abbott Public Library, Marblehead	1
" " Public Library, Salem	1
" " Fall River Public Library, Fall River	1
" " " Library, Brookline	1
" " Peabody Library, Danvers	1
" " Public Library, Topsfield	1
" " Essex County	1
" " Trustees City Hospital, Boston	1

Received from Institute of Technology, Boston	1
" " Walter G. Chase	1
" " U. S. Government	1
	16
New names added to list of persons receiving books from the Library	43
Whole number of books taken from the Library Feb. 1, 1899 to Feb. 1, 1900	5,249
Number of visitors registered in the Library Feb. 1, 1899 to Feb, 1, 1900	90
Largest circulation in any one month, April	562
Smallest " " " September	267
Number of days Library has been open	97
" " books worn out and replaced by new books	13

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian.*

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1900.

S. A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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To services as librarian and janitor	$175 00	
To cash paid Walworth Mfg. Co., gasolene, 52 gals. at 18 c.	9 36	
" " Walworth Mfg. Co., gasolene, 52½ gals., at 19 c.	9 98	
" " Danvers Water Works	7 00	
" " M. E. Tyler, teaming	70	
" " N. R. Stiles, coal	38 00	
" " E. Ouilette, teaming coal	8 00	
" " freight and expressing	1 93	
" " John H. Choate & Co., library cards	2 50	
" " J. A. Atwood, care of library lawn	13 20	
" " H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	79	
" " postage	63	
" " paper, parchment and pencils	1 59	
" " extra services cleaning, moving books, etc.	25 00	
		$293 68

DR.

By cash received of B. F. Emerson Fund for Library	$284 91	
" " for gasoline barrels returned	1 60	
" " in Library, catalogues, cards and fines	7 17	
		$293 68

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The Trustees of the B. F. Emerson Fund submit the following as their eleventh annual report.

At a meeting of the Trustees held Aug. 31, 1899, it was voted to make such repairs upon the library building as was necessary, and in accordance with that vote present first the

Repair Account.

Cash paid M. E. Tyler for labor and material inside	$110 77	
" " M. E. Tyler " " " " outside	22 75	
" " M. E. Tyler " " " " clock	6 00	
" " M. E. Tyler " " " " memorial window	5 25	
" " Howard Watch Co., repairs on clock	10 00	
" " H. M. Bixby, linoleum rugs and labor	128 10	
" " Thomas G. Pinnock, repairs on roof	14 54	
" " J. E. Ropes, repairs on furnace	12 81	
" " W. P. Early, material and labor on storm door	24 46	
" " M. E. Tyler, material and labor on storm door	6 77	
" " A. P. Tyler, chandelier and furnishings	10 97	
" " A. P. Tyler, time spent	5 00	
		$357 42

Expense Account.

Cash paid S. A. Fletcher	$377 75	
" John M. Peabody, cemetery lot	3 00	
" for Safe deposit vault	10 00	
Balance in Savings banks	96 44	
		$487 19

Income Account.

Interest on Atchison general mortgage bonds	$100 00	
" " " adjustment "	40 00	
" " " preferred stock	90 75	
" " N. Y. & N. E. R. R. bonds	120 00	
" " Town of Middleton note	40 00	
" " Andover Savings bank	45 52	
" " Danvers " "	38 12	
" " Salem " "	12 80	
		$487 19

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

33 shares Atchison R. R. preferred stock	$2,013 00	
$2,000 " General Mortgage bonds	2,000 00	
$1,000 " Adjustment "	830 00	
$2,000 N. Y. & N. E. R. R. "	2,295 00	
Town of Middleton note	800 00	
Deposited in Salem Savings bank	475 80	
" " Andover " "	1,184 24	
" " Danvers " "	1,011 69	
Balance of cash from repair account	137 16	
		$10,746 89

ANSEL P. TYLER,
M. J. EMERSON,
MAURICE E. TYLER,
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
FRANCIS P. MERRIAM, } *Trustees.*

Estimates For Next Year.

The finance committee respectfully submit the following estimates of sums to be raised to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year.

Current expenses	$2,000 00	
Poor department	1,000 00	
Schools	1,600 00	
School supplies	125 00	
Incidentals	250 00	
High school	700 00	
Highways	1,200 00	
Bridges	225 00	
Sidewalks	50 00	
Fire department	75 00	
Care of cemetery	125 00	
Cutting bushes in cemetery lot	50 00	
Memorial day	75 00	
Liquor law	50 00	
Town hall for shingling (hall, hearse house, etc.) for painting	275 00	
Compensation of firemen	60 00	
Pay of moderator	5 00	
		$7,865 00

Relative Standing of the Town

WITH ITS VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE YEARS 1899 AND 1900.

Balance due School department	$685 83
" " Incidental school department	24 46
" " School supplies	85 69
" " High school	105 75
" " Poor department	155 87
" " Highway department	6 96
" " Bridge "	16 34
" " Sidewalk "	49
" " Town from cemetery	8 38
" " Memorial day account	34 07
" " Fire department	25 27
" " Hydrant account	121 01

List of Jurors.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the Town at the Annual Town Meeting, for revision and acceptance:—

John M. Peabody	Solomon W. Weston
Frank L. Estey	Kendall F. Richardson
Charles A. Fletcher	Herbert H. Wilkins
Joseph W. Russell	John H. Dempsey
Loren G. Estey	Edwin E. Currier
Sylvanus Flint	George E. Currier
Eli E. Richardson	Henry E. Howe
Fred H. Wilkins	Austin P. Bagley

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of notes on interest at five per cent.	$3,400 00	
Amount of notes on interest at four per cent.	5,500 00	
Outstanding bills	600 00	
		$9,500 00

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's statement	$935 28	
Due from state on account of State aid	783 00	
" " " Military aid	97 12	
" Otis F. Rennerd	169 47	
" Gloucester on account of Mrs. Colby	7 00	
" F. H. Benitez	86 57	
" state on account T. Davis 1897	131 00	
Amount of uncollected tax, 1890	24 66	
" " " " 1891	29 50	
" " " " 1893	17 59	
" " " " 1894	68 40	
" " " " 1895	365 67	
" " " " 1896	433 50	
" " " " 1897	1,585 03	
" " " " 1898	1,094 13	
" " " " 1899	3,146 61	
Balance against the Town	525 47	
		$9,500 00

It is estimated there are $500 on tax lists which is uncollectible for various causes.

B. P. RICHARDSON,
ASA HOWE,
Selectmen of Middleton.

Auditor's Report.

Middleton, Mass , March 6, 1900.

I have examined the books and accounts of the town officers in the town of Middleton and all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury of said town, and find the same to be correct.

DANA I. NASH, *Auditor.*

Town Meeting Warrant.

Middleton, ss. To Oscar Cram, Constable for the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on

Monday, the twelfth day of March, next,

at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

3d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

4th To vote on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town? The vote will be by a separate ballot, and the ballot shall be Yes or No in answer to said question.

5th To see if the Town will have cut on the town lot what wood will be necessary for the ensuing year, and hauled to the lockup to be sawed and split by persons applying for a night's lodging, and determine how the wood, when sawed and split, shall be disposed of.

6th To see how much money the Town will raise to pay the tuition of the High school pupils.

7th To see how much money the Town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

8th To see what action the Town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

9th To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

10th To see what action the Town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

11th To see what action the Town will take in regard to enforcement of law in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

12th To see what action the Town will take concerning the cemetery.

13th To see what action the Town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to compensation of firemen.

14th To see what measures the Town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

15th By a petition of H. K. Richardson and nine others to see if the Town will vote to supply the Center School Building with water or take any action thereon.

16th By a petition of A. A. Wilkins and nine others to see if the Town will vote to dispose of the North School Building or take any action thereon. Also to see if the Town will vote to dispose of the East School Building or take any action thereon.

17th By a petition of A. P. Bagley and nine others to see if the Town will vote to place Insurance on the Town Hall and Center School Building or take any action thereon.

18th To see how much money the Town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial day.

19th To see what method the Town will take to establish a Town Seal under the Act of 1899, Chap. 258, Section 2.

20th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

21st To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

22d To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money, as may be necessary, to meet current expenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Centre Post Office and one at the Post Office in South Middleton in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of March, A. D. 1900.

B. P. RICHARDSON, } *Selectmen*
ASA HOWE, } *of*
Middleton.

For Reference

Not to be taken from this room